

[VICTIM ADVOCACY]

BSU staffer honored for her work

standing contributions to the rights of victims. versity (left), has received the Carol S. Morris Award for out-Michele Cole, the first victim advocate at Ball State Uni-

who have made significant contributions in the lives of crime trict of Indiana, gives the award annually to honor people Timothy M. Morrison, U.S. attorney for the Southern Dis-

> has created a peer victim advocate program for the university stalking. She also has developed a Web site for her office and tims of physical and sexual abuse, relationship violence and resources for students, faculty and staff who have been vicvictims. Cole has worked to develop campus and community

Department for seven years. fore that, she was a victim advocate with the Muncie Police Cole has been Ball State's victim advocate since 2006. Be-

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Michele Cole, victim advocate for Ball State University's office of victim services on Friday was presented with the U.S. Attorney's Carol S. Morris Award.

The honor is presented by federal prosecutors to "individuals whose commitment and effort impacts the lives of crime victims," according to a press release.

Cole has been BSU victim advocate since 2006, and earlier served in a similar role for the Muncie Police Department for seven years.